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"The Gentle Giant"

Joseph W. Jefferson a kind, loving, humble and godly man. A man of no mean reputation a faithful servant, a true friend, and awesome husband!

On April 24, 1953 in New Orleans Louisiana God graced the world with one of His choice jewels, Joseph Wayne Jefferson, the second of five children born to loving parents Isaac and Elouise Jefferson.

Joseph lived and grew up in Baton Rouge Louisiana, matriculating through the Baton Rouge school system. He attended and graduated from Delgado Community College majoring in mortuary science in New Orleans Louisiana.

Leaving Baton Rouge in 1985, Jeff came to California where he continued his profession in the funeral service industry as a funeral director. He was well sought after for his outstanding restorative work by many mortuaries in the bay area. He also worked for the US Postal Service for several years.

It was at Ephesian Church of God in Christ in Berkeley California Joseph accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He became a member in 1985 under the late Bishop E.E. Cleveland. Jeff loved the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, strength and mind. His love for God was clearly seen in his lifestyle, commitment, worship, praise and service. He worked untiringly for 28 years in the church doing "whatever his hands found to do" with joy as service unto the Lord. In December 1993 he was elevated to the office of Deacon by the late Bishop Robert-Richard Carr, whom he loved dearly and served faithfully.

"And the LORD God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him". (Genesis 2:18) In the course of his service, in 1997 at Ephesian Church, Joseph met the love of his life, Dolores Jackson (he was the love of her life as well). Upon meeting Jeff her entire family immediately fell in love with "Uncle Jeff." They were married in 2001 and shared a good life together until death parted them October 27, 2019.



Having received the call to preach the gospel, God elevated Joseph and he was ordained to the office of Elder in the Church of God In Christ in 2002; by Bishop Robert-Richard Carr. His profound love for the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God and people caused him to be an effective soul winner. His steadfast loyalty, dedication and integrity made room for him in several auxiliaries and leadership roles within the Ministry; including financial officer and Men's Ministry President, where he served until he was incapacitated 2013.

Elder Jefferson was a praying man who knew and believed in the power of prayer. His warm and friendly spirit enabled him to reached people of all ages, nationalities and walks of life with humility, the love of Jesus, unfeigned compassion and care. He was used by God in the prophetic with manifestations.

Joseph was a giver and encourager; he returned to God all God gave him. He held back nothing but emptied himself serving the Lord. He gave of his time, talents and treasures in support of the ministry and the church. In 2011 Joseph and his wife co-founded Ephesian Community Food Share Inc., the legacy lives on today. He freely gave love, smiles, hugs, money, food, clothes and encouragement to the un-noticed, underserved, marginalized and anybody he thought needed it. Jeff's good works do precede him in glory.

He loved sharing the Word of God through daily texts and phone calls with many people. With his awesome sense of humor, he always had something funny to say to brighten your day. Jeff had a big heart, he loved his family especially his nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great nieces and nephews.



Elder Jefferson is preceded in glory by his mother Eloise Jefferson and father Isaac Jefferson. Joseph will always be loved, cherished and remembered by his devoted wife Dee Jefferson, daughter Charisha Carroll (Baton Rouge, LA), stepson Damond Gardner (Matteson, IL), eldest sister Lois Robinson (Baton Rouge, LA), brother Charles Jefferson (Baton Rouge, LA), sister Mary Robertson (Thomas)(Baton Rouge, LA), sister Wanda Jefferson (Baton Rouge, LA), brothers-in law Foster Senegal (Rosemary), Arthur Jackson, sister-in-law Georgina Crusto (deceased), grandchildren Mark Carroll, Trenisa Carroll, Davon Gardner, nieces Tihesia Jefferson, Chambray Quiet, Antoinette Ferrell (deceased), Denise Senegal-Miller (Bradley and family), Cheryl Senegal, Taren Crusto-Phillips (Jerry and family), Robin Butler (and family), Stephanie Jackson (and family), Nicole Jackson, cousins friends and loved ones, nephews Ronald Jefferson, Jr., Charles Jefferson, Zedrick Jefferson, Mark Senegal (and family), Ajayi Jackson (and family), Eugene Crusto II (and family).

Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When thou sadist, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies:

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breath out cruelty.

13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

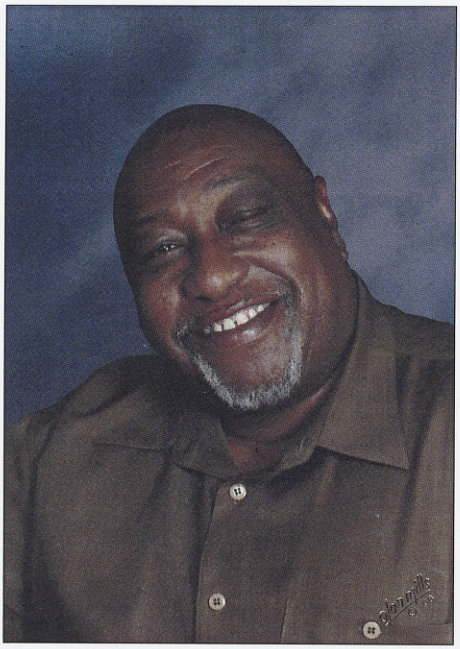
14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say on the LORD.

Goodnight sweetheart,
I will see you
in the morning.





"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7:



His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
Matthew 25:12